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leisure. We may not have time to take time to ponder things, to quietly turn them over in our minds, to discover the peacefulness of the treasures that life will present to us. That attack on our great nation of September of 2001 has changed all that. Most certainly changed all of our lives forever. I'm reminded of the quote of Sir Edmund Burke: the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing. George Coordsen most certainly exemplifies the good man who chose to do something. He's devoted 16 years to this state's Legislature, and his devotion to the people of this state is second to none. Desperation tends to remove barriers that limit our behavior. Very often it isn't until our well-ordered world falls apart that we are open to corrective action. I'm most enamored by a line in a Robert Frost poem that goes like this: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I--I took the one less traveled by, and it has made all the difference. George, himself, took the road less traveled and he has made a difference. George, my very good friend, we all thank you for your generous service to the Legislature, and to the great state of Nebraska. And we all wish you the absolute, very best in these years to come. Will you please come forward? (Applause) I have a plaque here for George. It's got a little picture of him on the top of it and it says: George Coordsen, in recognition of 16 years of public service to the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature, from 1987 to 2002. George.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. (Applause) Janice would you...all of us who are members, and have the privilege of having a spouse know that none of us serve without the full cooperation of our spouse and family. My wife Janice is over here under the north balcony. Could I get all of my kids and grandkids, are almost all here today, and I would like to thank them publicly for all they've had to put up with so that I could be here and pursue what turned out to be a dream, I guess. So, thank you, publicly, thank you...(applause)...and I don't know where "Cap" found all of this stuff that he came up with. But about the only thing I could add to that, "Cap," is that I really can talk fast if I want to. (Laughter) It's been a privilege, and honor, and it's something that I will remember, not only for those who are here today, but those that I've been privileged to serve with for the past number of years. Thank